

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Alexander Werdmuller Von Elgg, the Aptos High School student who won the Central Coast's division of the 28th annual Congressional Art Competition, visited Washington this week. His artwork, titled "PROGRESS," will hang in the U.S. Capitol for a year.

"Alex is a wonderful artist and his work looks great hanging in the Capitol," said Congressman Sam Farr (D-Carmel), who spoke with Alexander during his visit on Wednesday. "I'm so proud of the many talented students we have on the Central Coast, and Alex serves as an example to all of us."

Alexander's painting beat out 22 other entries from the Central Coast. His win netted him roundtrip tickets to Washington. The runner-up entry by Aptos High School junior Claire Kane will hang in Rep. Farr's Washington office for a year.

This is the 28th year for the contest, known as "An Artistic Discovery." The competition is held in communities across the country and is the brainchild of the Congressional Arts Caucus, of which Rep. Farr is a member.

The Central Coast's contest is organized by Bertha Muñoz, a congressional aide in Rep. Farr's Salinas office. Information is provided to area high schools in the winter announcing contest details. For further information on next year's program, call 831-424-2229.

A high-resolution photo of Alexander and Rep. Farr can be found here:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/repfamfarr/3658672664/sizes/o/>

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